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Main Installation Remedial Investigation Results

Memphis Depot Reaches Milestone in Environmental Cleanup Program

CH2M Hill to report findings at RAB meeting June 15.

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE – June 2000. The Memphis Depot Caretaker Division, the U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center and their contractor, CH2M Hill, will present the overall sampling conclusions from the Remedial Investigation (RI) Report for the Main Installation at the June 15 Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting. The completion of the Main Installation RI represents an important milestone in the Memphis Depot's ongoing efforts to ensure the property is safe for future use.

"This final report serves as a blueprint for the rest of the cleanup activities on the Main Installation," said Shawn Phillips, the Depot Environmental Coordinator and member of the Base Realignment and Closure Cleanup Team (BCT). "It answers many questions about what impact the Depot's past operations may have had on the local environment. Also, the report outlines where further investigation or cleanup might be needed."

In its overall conclusions, the Main Installation RI Report states that past operations at the Depot 'have not significantly affected the environment,' and provides detailed results from sampling of surface soil, subsurface soil, sediment, surface water and groundwater at the Main Installation.

In 1992, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) placed the Memphis Depot on the National Priorities List (NPL). The NPL is a list of sites throughout the nation that have been identified for long-term study and remedial response. The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) authorized EPA to conduct investigations at the Memphis Depot.

The full RI Report will be presented in two parts at the June and July RAB meetings. The first presentation will be given at the June 15 RAB meeting, which will be held at Norris Elementary School, 1490 Norris Road beginning at 6:00 p.m. The second presentation will be given at the July RAB meeting.